

Revelation 6:1-17
The Tribulation Begins

- 1) The first 4 seals—portrait of the successive horsemen—6:1-8 [remember 5:5]
 - What Jesus referred to as the beginning of birth pangs (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8b)
 - a) Christ the Lamb opens the **first** seal—6:1-2 [deceptive peace through conquest]
 - i) What accompanies the opening of the seal?—6:1
 - ii) What is the content of the scroll after the seal?—6:2
 - iii) Parallels: Daniel 9:26-27; Matthew 24:4-5; Mark 13:5-6; Luke 21:8
 - b) Christ the Lamb opens the **second** seal—6:3-4 [violence & war]
 - i) What accompanies the opening of the seal?—6:3
 - ii) What is the content of the scroll after the seal?—6:4
 - iii) Parallels: Matthew 24:6-7a; Mark 13:7-8a; Luke 21:9-10; 2nd Thessalonians 1:6
 - c) Christ the Lamb opens the **third** seal—6:5-6 [famine and inflation-induced poverty]
 - i) What accompanies the opening of the seal?—6:5
 - ii) What is the content of the scroll after the seal?—6:6
 - iii) Parallels: Matthew 24:7b; Mark 13:8b; Luke 21:11a
 - d) Christ the Lamb opens the **fourth** seal—6:7-8 [death]
 - i) What accompanies the opening of the seal?—6:7
 - ii) What is the content of the scroll after the seal?—6:8
 - (1) One-fourth of the earth's population will be killed
 - iii) Parallels: Matthew 24:7b; Mark 13:8b; Luke 21:11a
- 2) The fifth and sixth seals—6:9-17 [close to the mid-point of the Tribulation?]
 - a) Christ the Lamb opens the **fifth** seal—6:9-11 [martyrs pray for justice]
 - i) What accompanies the opening of the seal?—6:9
 - ii) What is the content of the scroll after the seal?—6:9-11
 - iii) Note well in 6:10:
 - (1) The unique name for God: *Lord* [deposes # 1203]
 - (2) The unique character of God: *holy* [hagios # 40] and *true* [alethinous # 228]
 - iv) Parallels: Matthew 24:9; Mark 13:9, 11-13; Luke 21:11a
 - (1) cf. with Stephen in Acts 7:60
 - b) Christ the Lamb opens the **sixth** seal—6:12-17 [creation's convulsions]
 - i) What accompanies the opening of the seal?—6:12
 - ii) What is the content of the scroll after the seal?—6:12-17
 - (1) 7 parts of creation: sun, moon, asteroid/meteor/comet, sky, mountain, island
 - (2) 7 categories of people
 - (a) Upper class (kings, great, commanders, wealthy, mighty) and lower class (bondslave, free)
 - (b) Their request—6:16b-17 They recognize the reality of:
 - (i) God's wrath; God's timetable; man's inability to survive
 - iii) Parallels: Isaiah 34:4; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-25; Luke 21:11b, 25-26